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I firmly believe that the Proposed Final Judgement in the Department of Justice's Anti-trust case against Microsoft is nothing more than a slap on the wrist. Microsoft has for years engaged in anti-competitive, and often illegal, business practices, they have used their position as an undisputed monopoly of operating systems and software to produce sub-mediocre software that compromises the security and productivity of the United States government and private citizens, and cares about nothing more than increasing its profits at the cost of bearing any resemblance to an institution with a conscience. However, I would like to point out a specific problem with the PFJ. It makes no provisions to stop Microsoft's strangle-hold on OEM computer manufacturers with regards to the operating systems that are installed on new PC's. A customer seeking to buy a computer without a Windows operating system (OS) will have to search very hard to find one, because Microsoft will not license Windows to any PC manufacturer that sells any PC without that OS. Therefore, if that same company also wanted to sell computers with Windows, it would have to pay much more for it, and thus would be driven out of business from competitors who comply with Microsoft's demands.

I believe that any and all measures to eliminate the death grip that Microsoft has on our country should be enforced

Thank you,

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